

SENATE BILL 862

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to alternative programs for
suspended and expelled students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3402(c), is amended by
deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following language:

Local boards of education shall adopt a policy, in consultation with the state
board of education, mandating attendance at an alternative school or alternative
program upon suspension or expulsion in accordance with this part. The student shall
be subject to the rules pertaining thereto. A violation of the rules by a student may result
in the student's removal from this school for the duration of the original suspension or
expulsion, but shall not constitute grounds for any extension of the original suspension
or expulsion. The final decision on removal shall be made by the chief administrator of
the alternative school.

SECTION 2. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon
becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect
July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.